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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, NU, HO  
SUBJ: NICARAGUA MFM

REF: STATE 231766 (NOTAL)

1. POLITICAL OFFICER AND I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF PRIVATE LUNCHEON TODAY (SEPTEMBER 13) WITH VICE FOREIGN MINISTER HERNANDEZ TO MAKE POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL. HERNANDEZ SAID THAT HONDURAS IS STILL PLANNING TO ABSTAIN ON RESOLUTION CALLING FOR CONVOCAATION OF FOREIGN MINISTERS BUT LEFT HOPE THAT GOH MIGHT REVISE ITS POSITION IF SUFFICIENTLY PERSUASIVE CASE COULD BE MADE THAT REGIONAL SECURITY IS ENDANGERED.

2. HERNANDEZ SAID THAT HE HAD MET EARLIER IN MORNING WITH COSTA RICAN AMBASSADOR WHO IS ALSO SOLICITING HONDURAN SUPPORT FOR MFM. HERNANDEZ URGED THAT COSTA RICA CLARIFY ON WHAT GROUNDS IT IS CALLING FOR MRM. IS COSTA RICA INVOKING ONLY ARTICLE 59 OF  
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OAS CHARTER OF IS ARTICLE 3 OF RIO TREATY ALSO INVOLVED? I RE-  
PLIED THAT IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT ONLY ARTILE 59 IS INVOLVED.  
HERNANDEZ AGREED BUT SAID THAT COSTA RICA WILL PROBABLY INVOKE  
ARTICLE 3 OF RIO TREATY ONCE MFM TAKES PLACE. I SAID THAT UNITED  
STATES DID NOT WISH TO PRE-JUDGE WHAT MIGHT BE DECIDED BY MFM  
BUT FELT THAT THERE WERE AMPLE GROUNDS FOR AN URGENT MEETING.  
WE UNDERLINED REPEATEDLY THAT SECURITY OF REGION IS INVOLVED.

HERNANDEZ URGED THAT THIS POINT BE MADE TO FOREIGN MINISTER (AND I WILL DO SO).

3. WE ALSO INFORMED HERNANDEZ OF UNITED STATES CONCERN THAT SOME CENTRAL AMERICANS MIGHT THINK THAT UNITED STATES WILL PULL THEIR CHESTNUTS OUT OF FIRE IF RADICALISM OR COMMUNISM SPREADS FROM NICARAGUA. WE WENT OVER PARA 12 REFTEL VERY CAREFULLY (WITHOUT MENTIONING EL SALVADOR). HERNANDEZ SAID THAT NICARAGUA IS AS MUCH U.S. PROBLEM AS A CENTRAL AMERICAN ONE AND GOH BELIEVES SOME INDICATION OF WHAT USG WOULD LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN IS NECESSARY. WE EXPLAINED THAT U.S. POLICY HAS CHANGED AND USG WILL NOT TAKE LEAD. NEVERTHELESS, WE ALL AGREED THAT WE HAVE AN OVER-RIDING COMMON INTEREST IN PREVENTING SOMOZA'S REPLACEMENT BY COMMUNISM OR RADICALISM, SOMETHING THAT BECOMES MORE LIKELY AS TIME IS ALLOWED TO GO BY WITHOUT A RESOLUTION OF THE NICARAGUAN PROBLEM.

4. HERNANDEZ REPORTED THAT HIS FOREIGN MINISTER HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH GOVERNMENTS OF EL SALVADOR AND GUATEMALA IN ORDER TO LET THEM KNOW OF HONDURAS WILLINGNESS TO HAVE CENTRAL AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS MEET IN NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 23 AS COSTA RICA SUGGESTED APPARENTLY. SALVADORANS REPLIED THAT THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE BECAUSE FOREIGN MINISTER IS IN EUROPE WHILE GUATEMALANS REPORTEDLY REPLIED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER WILL NOT TRAVEL UNTIL EARLY OCTOBER WHEN IT IS HIS TURN TO SPEAK AT UNGA.

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5. HERNANDEZ WAS CLEARLY SYMPATHETIC TO OUR CASE BUT MADE IT CLEAR THAT ULTIMATE DECISION IS NOT HIS. I WILL SEE FOREIGN MINISTER LATER TODAY TO REPEAT REFTEL INSTRUCTIONS.  
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